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SUBJECT: Demarche Delivered (Biotech Votes at Oct. 19 EU Meetings)

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¶1. (U) Post delivered reftel demarche to representatives of Austria's Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management; Health Ministry; and Ministry for Economic Affairs.

¶2. (U) Dr. Michel Haas (of Austria's Health Ministry) told FAS representative that Austria will vote against the approval of biotech corn varieties on October 19, since Austrian expert opinions differ from EFSA on issues of risk assessment, detection methods, and toxicology.

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